



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

**9:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-5233)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger. Secretary Sara Vasquez joined the meeting after roll call.

**1. Call to Order (12-5243)**

**President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Afriat.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

**2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of October 31, 2012 (12-5234)**

**On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, duly carried by the following vote, this item was approved:**

**Ayes:** 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, and Commissioner Shan Lee

**Abstentions:** 1 - Commissioner James Barger

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

3. Hearing on application for Bookstore-General Business License ID# 139589, to issue a new license to Enlighten Books & Gifts, for Dezhong Li located at 1015 Nogales Street #133, Rowland Heights, CA in the Fourth District. (12-5244)

**This item was tabled for discussion to allow the applicant time to arrive. Later in the meeting, in the absence of the applicant, on motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Barger, this item was taken off calendar.**

**Ayes:** 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner James Barger, and Commissioner Shan Lee

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4. Hearing on application for Taxicab Operator/Taxicab Vehicles (12) Business License ID# 139602, to issue a new license to Taxi Leasing Inc, owner of Yellow Cab Co & Thousand Oaks located at 554 South Dawson Drive, Camarillo, CA 93012 in the Third District. (12-5245)

**Masood Babaeian, representative for Taxi Leasing Inc., explained that the company was formed in 1999 and purchased by Yellow Cab Co. in 2004 with a fleet of 50 vehicles. Mr. Babaeian indicated he has 34 years of experience in the taxi industry and is requesting for 12 of the 50 vehicles to be licensed to operate in area 10b which includes the Cities of West Lake Village, Agoura Hills and Calabasas.**

**President Afriat asked Mr. Babaeian to explain the need and necessity. Mr. Babaeian stated that the demand in the area has increased, and provided signed petitions from customers and businesses in support of the expansion. He added that when receiving calls from areas where they are not licensed other taxi companies are not willing to take the call because of the short distance. President Afriat explained that a petition does not substantiate the need and necessity, and quantifiable information must be submitted. For example, letters from businesses and customers from the area expressing the need for their service due to unanswered calls because of lack of cabs in the area. Other examples are their call logs, reflecting the amount of calls from these areas that they could not service.**

Julie Daly, Sales Marketing Director for Taxi Leasing Inc., indicated that she had visited several businesses in the locations that require service and various people shared their frustration of not having an adequate amount of taxicabs in their area. President Afriat reiterated that the Commission needs quantifiable information.

Commissioner Barger explained that a call log or a log book would be an example of quantifiable information.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary approvals and also mentioned that the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office makes every effort to advise the applicants of the documentation that will be required for the hearing.

Commissioner Campbell asked Mr. Babaeian if the company had been cited for operating without a seal. Mr. Babaeian responded that they have not been cited.

President Afriat expressed concern regarding the antiquity of the fleet and would like for the County's Risk Management to check the feasibility. Mr. Babaeian clarified that the fleet is inspected weekly.

Michael Giler, Operations Manager for United Independent Taxi, addressed the Commission and stated that he is not ready to make a detailed opposition to Taxi Leasing Inc., however United Independent Taxi is committed to serving the area Mr. Babaeian is requesting regardless of the distance. He also mentioned that United Independent Taxi's fleet is fairly new, with the oldest vehicle being a 2000 year model and they are currently working on transitioning to hybrid vehicles.

Vice President Campbell asked Mr. Giler if there was any validity to the statement of other taxi cab companies not willing to take calls because of short distances. Mr. Giler responded that he does not have that information however many of his employees live in the San Fernando Valley and are available to provide service in those areas.

Commissioner Lee inquired about the office locations and size of fleet for United Independent Taxi, Mr. Giler explained that the centralized dispatch office is located in Los Angeles, however they have fleet stands located in various locations including Woodland Hills and the size of the fleet is about 530. Commissioner Lee also asked Mr. Giler to show proof that several of the taxi cab drivers live in the San Fernando Valley; Mr. Giler agreed.

**On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried, this item was continued to December 12, 2012.**

**Ayes:** 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner James Barger, and Commissioner Shan Lee

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

5. Hearing on application for issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Solicit to Fredrick Jacobs for Jacobs Deliverance Foundation Corporation, located at 260 Linda Rosa Avenue, Suite 1, Pasadena, CA 91107 in the Fifth District. (12-5251)

**Frederick Jacobs, representing Jacobs Deliverance Foundation Corp., explained that the reason they did not show up for the hearing date on October 12, 2011 was because they were under the impression that they would have to provide their financial statements and they did not have the money to pay for bookkeeping services.**

**Commissioner Barger clarified that financial statements are not required during a hearing and questioned why the Foundation continued to solicit funds without being licensed. Mr. Jacobs explained that they were allowed to solicit funds in the City of Pasadena. Commissioner Barger described that the solicitors he encountered were not in the City of Pasadena, he questioned the solicitors on why were they soliciting for funds without being licensed, one of the solicitors answered by stating that they were compensated by receiving a commission on the amount obtained; he also asked to see a copy of the license but solicitors left. Mr. Jacobs stated that they must have been renegade solicitors and that he was not aware.**

**President Afriat asked Mr. Jacobs why renegades would target their charity and how he planned to resolve this problem. Mr. Jacobs stated that their charity has a good reputation and that the resolution to the problem is to pick-up and drop-off solicitors to ensure they do not leave with materials that belong to the charity. President Afriat also asked why their license was suspended; Mr. Jacobs stated that they became aware of the suspension when they received a letter from the State apologizing for the accidental suspension and reinstatement.**

Commissioner Barger questioned where the pick-up and drop-off destination for their employees is located. Mr. Jacobs stated that employees are picked-up and dropped-off, to and from their home locations. Furthermore, they are contract employees. Commissioner Barger asked if he were to come across a renegade employee would the foundation be willing to relinquish its license. Mr. Jacobs assured Commissioners that safeguards have been put in place and in the event a renegade is discovered he would agree to surrender the license.

Vice President Campbell asked when the issue of renegade employees was remedied and how many individuals are currently employed. Mr. Jacobs stated that the resolution has been in effect for about one year and they currently have ten employees.

Commissioner Lee questioned their financial operations. Mr. Jacobs stated that they accept cash, checks and credit card donations and the Foundation only requires one signature on checks issued.

President Afriat questioned if the foundation has a Board of Directors. Mr. Jacobs confirmed they do have a Board of Directors. President Afriat requested that two signatures be required on the checks. Mr. Jacobs agreed.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by Secretary Vasquez and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the issuance of an Information Card with the condition that the Foundation will appear before the Commission in one year and relinquish their information card if the renegade employee issue persists.

On motion of Commissioner Barger, seconded by President Afriat and unanimously carried, the Commission received the Notice of Intention to Solicit.

**Ayes:** 5 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Sara Vasquez, Commissioner James Barger, and Commissioner Shan Lee

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**III. RECOMMENDATION**

6. Consideration of late request for a public hearing submitted by Bluesky Maekong, owner of Thai BodyWorks located at 22637 Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265. The request was submitted late in response to a recommendation by the Sheriff's Department to deny Massage Parlor-General Business License I.D. # 139570. (12-4755)

**President Afriat introduced this item to the Commission. He explained that the applicant Bluesky N. Maekong owner of Thai Bodyworks submitted a request for a hearing in response to the Notice of Denial from the Sheriff's Department 12 days after the deadline.**

**Discussion on accepting the appeal and the documentation submitted ensued.**

**After discussion, on motion of President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Barger and unanimously carried, the request for a public hearing was denied by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 3 - President Steven Afriat, Commissioner James Barger, and Commissioner Shan Lee

**Noes:** 1 - Vice President Renée Campbell

**Abstentions:** 1 - Secretary Sara Vasquez

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**IV. REPORTS**

7. Commissioners' Comments (12-5246)

**The Commission reviewed the calendar for November 2012 and December 2012. The Commission agreed to cancel the following meetings:**

**November 21, 2012**

**November 28, 2012 and**

**December 5, 2012**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 2012.**

**V. MISCELLANEOUS****Public Comment**

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-5247)

**No members of the public addressed the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

9. Adjournment for the meeting of November 14, 2012. (12-5248)

**The Commission adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.**